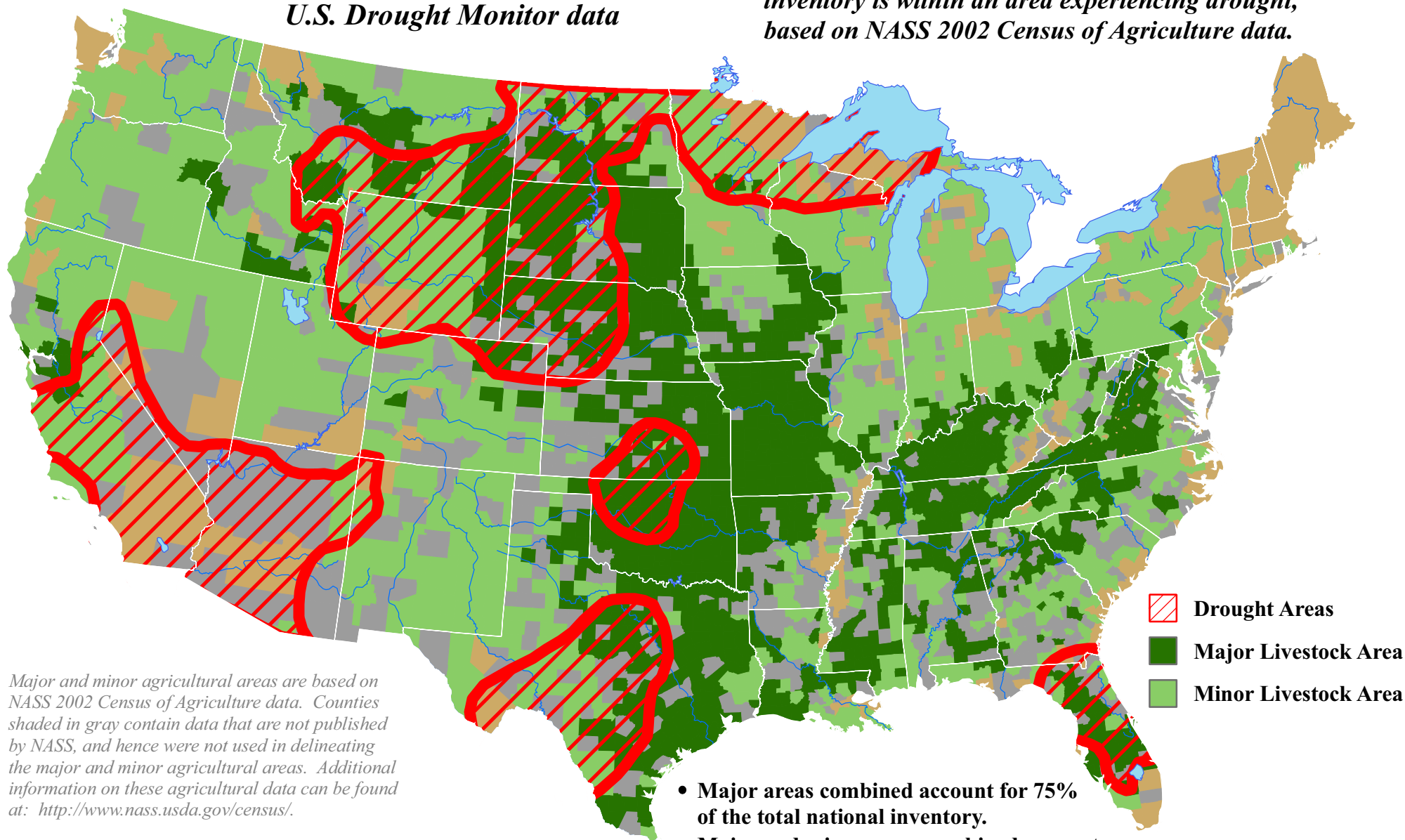


U.S. Beef Cow Areas Experiencing Drought

*Reflects January 30, 2007
U.S. Drought Monitor data*

*Approximately 23% of the domestic beef cow
inventory is within an area experiencing drought,
based on NASS 2002 Census of Agriculture data.*



Major and minor agricultural areas are based on NASS 2002 Census of Agriculture data. Counties shaded in gray contain data that are not published by NASS, and hence were not used in delineating the major and minor agricultural areas. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/>.

Mapped drought areas are derived from the U.S. Drought Monitor product and do not depict the intensity of drought in any particular location. This map is not used for USDA programs. More information on the Drought Monitor can be found at: <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national inventory.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national inventory.